

Please insert the following section heading before the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 5 :

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page <sup>13</sup>~~10~~, line <sup>6</sup>~~25~~, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-- Figure 1 is a cross sectional side view that shows the layered structure of a multilayer decoupling, sealing, and drainage system 1. Figure 2 is a cross sectional plan view at the level of a non-woven layer 6, and Figure 3 is a plan view of the decoupling, sealing and drainage system 1, in cross section along the reinforcing layer 5. In Figure 1, the decoupling, sealing, and drainage system 1 according to one embodiment of the present invention is shown installed on a substratum 15, for instance in a cement screed or the like. Tile paving made up of tiles 10 can be seen above the decoupling, sealing, and drainage system 1 and this is laid in tile mortar 12 by the thin-bed method. The joints 11 between the individual tiles 10 are similarly filled with tile mortar 12. --